

# NEWSletter

PASADENA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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## WELCOME

Greetings Tena Koutou Katoa Talofa  
Lava Kia Orana Malo e Lelei Fakaalofa  
Lahi Atu Kamshor Namaste Bula Vinaka  
Ni Hao Taloha Ni Konichi Wa

We welcome new students who have enrolled recently. We trust your time at Pasadena will be enjoyable and profitable.

**we are the  
CHAMPIONS!  
AGAIN!!!**

## AUCKLAND TRAMPOLINING

Pasadena entered a large team in the Auckland Schools' Trampoline Competition at the Icon Sports Centre, two Sundays ago.

Pasadena had the most competitors of any school entered in the Competitions and **won the intermediate section again! 6 OF THE LAST 12 YEARS OUR NAME HAS BEEN ON THE CUP!!!!** An outstanding effort by the students and Mrs Allan, congratulations.

### TEAM AND RESULTS

#### D Grade Girls

Deanna Lauchlan, Saane Kaufanga, Ella Pooley, Isobella Lenihan-Ikin, Rowan Trusewich, Ariana Cornett, Anahera Hare, Shabrina Al Jaidi 10<sup>th</sup>, Lisa Serbeh 8<sup>th</sup>, Taylor Wallace 6<sup>th</sup>, Clarice Reddin 5<sup>th</sup>, Kate Farrant 4<sup>th</sup>, Brosnan Ackerman 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### D Grade Boys

Jovey Chen 8<sup>th</sup>, Christian Fa'alogo 7<sup>th</sup>, Tharaka Munidasa 6<sup>th</sup>, Vinura Gunarathna 5<sup>th</sup>, Simon Mead 4<sup>th</sup>, Lawrence Baldock 3<sup>rd</sup>, Nick Denby 2<sup>nd</sup>, Joshua McPherson 1<sup>st</sup>

#### C Grade Girls

Zjanika Houghton-Grundy, Aaliyah Wallace 7<sup>th</sup>, Imasha Kumarawansa 5<sup>th</sup>, Carys Finlayson 4<sup>th</sup>, Tayla Williams 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### C Grade Boys

Jonathan Tanner 1<sup>st</sup>

#### B Grade Boys

George Magee 5<sup>th</sup>, Alex West 4<sup>th</sup>

Thanks to the many parents, caregivers and family members who supported the team on the day. A huge thank you to **Mrs Allan** for her efforts in coaching and preparing the Team and support on the day. Also thanks to **Ms Godinet** for her support on the day.

## END OF TERM

School will close for the end of Term III at 2.00pm on Friday 19 September and re-open for Term IV at 8.45am on Monday 13 October.

Friday will bring to a close a most rewarding and productive term. It has been an extremely busy Term with Zone and Inter Class Sports Competitions, RoboCup, our Art Exhibition, the Hiroshima Exchange, 2008 enrolment activities, English and other languages Speech Competitions, Task II preparation and presentations, a very successful ERO Review, as well as all important classwork.

Most students have grasped the variety of learning experiences offered them in the class and in the school wide programmes and they have been rewarded for their efforts and initiatives.

I would like to thank parents/caregivers for the support and encouragement they have given us during the course of the term, in terms of encouraging their children to participate and supporting homework and class programmes. Also a special thank you to C@P and the many parents/caregivers previously mentioned in Newsletters who have assisted with specific activities.

On behalf of parents/ caregivers, I would like to both thank and compliment the teaching and support staff for their efforts during the course of the term. Their commitment and professionalism in the classroom and in the activities in the wider corporate life of Pasadena Intermediate are key reasons for the success of this school.

Thank you also to the members of the Board of Trustees for their support, guidance and efforts during the term.

## PASADENA PANEL

If you have been into the Administration Block recently I am sure you will have been impressed by our fabulous new Pasadena Panel. At Pasadena we celebrate our school's and our community's diversity. The Panel is a celebration of that diversity.

The Panel was designed and painted by parent, Mrs Toni Hartil, and I have included below an extract from the description she wrote about the work. A colour picture and the full text from the description are on our website.

On behalf of the Board, staff, students and community, thank you Toni for the time, energy and the outstanding new centerpiece

in our Administration Area.

### THE PASADENA QUILT

*This panel has been painted as a ceremonial quilt to celebrate the diversity of our school community.*

*Throughout the panel are symbols and images that are evocative for many cultures. These images are layered and intermingled just as the many cultures are intertwined in our community.*

*Many of the symbols have similar meanings for different countries which again displays the unity of thinking of many different backgrounds.*



## STUDENT, PARENT/ CAREGIVER, TEACHER CONFERENCES

Over the last decade as the purpose of classroom assessment has changed from sorting and classifying students to supporting all students' learning, many evaluation practices have undergone changes to come into alignment with the newly refocused purposes of schooling.

Students are increasingly involved in communicating to others about their learning.

Involving students in communicating their learning in these ways supports learning for the following reasons:

When students communicate with others about their learning, they learn about what they have learned, what they need to learn, and what kinds of support may be available to them.

When students show evidence of learning to an audience, they receive feedback and recognition from themselves and from others. This descriptive (non-judgmental) feedback helps guide and support their learning.

The process of selecting what evidence of learning to show, who to show it to, and what kind of feedback to request, gives students an opportunity to construct their understanding and to help others make meaning of their learning. When students are offered choices, they are personally motivated.

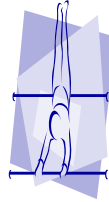
Research indicates that when parents are involved in talking about learning with their children, they achieve more. The more parents are involved, the higher the student achievement levels.

When students communicate their learning using a variety of work samples, they go beyond what grades, numbers and scores alone can show; they are able to examine the depth, the detail, and the range of their own learning to identify their strengths and what they need to work on next. This is all part of learning to self-monitor – an essential skill for self-directed, independent, lifelong learners.

Student-Involved conferences support learning and enhance communication with parents.

Earlier in the week you will have received information about Student, Parent/ Caregiver, Teacher Conferences that have been scheduled for **Wednesday 15 October 2.00pm - 8.00pm** and **Thursday 16 October 2.00pm - 6.00pm** and I urge you to support your child in his/her learning by participating.

## CENTRAL ZONE GYMNASTICS



Recently our Gymnastics Team participated in the Central Zone Competitions.

**YEAR 8 GIRLS A:** Rima Williams, Tayla Williams, Imasha Kumarawansa, Zjanika Houghton-Grundy, Aaliyah Wallace

**YEAR 8 GIRLS B:** Anahera Hare, Kate Farrant, Zoe Fitzsimmons, Takau Dean.

**YEAR 7 GIRLS A:** Saane Kaufanga, Sophie McIntyre, Carys Finlayson, Jhanna Savov

**YEAR 7 GIRLS B:** Paige Brimble, Amy Furnell, Taylor Wallace, Hannah Swedlund

**YEAR 7 GIRLS C:** Eleanor Dwyer, Ella Pooley, Dante Miers-Florence

**OPEN BOYS A:** Vinura Gunarathna, Jonathan Tanner, Michael Peagram, Tyrone Scalabrini, Lawrence Baldock.



**OPEN BOYS B:** Simon Mead, Josh McPherson, Tharaka Munidasa, Nick Denby, Jack Sedon

**OPEN BOYS C:** Christian Rauraa, Lawson Bishop and Filimon Abay

Sara O'Dwyer and Sean Janssen trained but due to a broken finger and illness respectively, could not compete.

**TEAM RESULTS:** Year 8 Girls A 1st, Year 8 Boys A 2nd, Year 8 Boys B 3rd, Year 7 girls A 4th, Year 8 Girls B 5th, Year 8 Boys C and year 7 girls B.

These are fantastic results - Teams placing 1st 2nd and 3rd will now go through to the Interzone Competition.

Well done to all of the students involved for all their hard work and effort. Thank you to **Mrs Allan** for coaching and co-ordinating our teams.

**Miss White** organized the Competition, but due to ill health, was not able to attend on the day. **Mrs Allan** put on her 'Pasadena Skates' and along with a wonderful team of parent helpers, managed and supported our teams and ran the whole competition!

A huge thank you to **Mrs Allan** and to **Kathryn Wallace, Debra Mead, Susan Sedon** and **Liz O'Dwyer** for your invaluable support and assistance on the day.

A big thank you also to Mrs Allan's assistants, **Brosnan Ackerman** and **Toni Talamaivao** who did lots of odd jobs and also kept all the score sheets and calculated the results.

## TERM III TASK PRESENTATION

*'How can we communicate the  
'Task Process'  
through the performing arts?  
TONIGHT!*

Parents and Caregivers are invited to view student's Term IV Authentic Task work.

7.30PM ASSEMBLY HALL

## BOT MEETING

The next meeting of the Pasadena Intermediate School Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday 21 October at 7.00pm in the Principal's Office.

All Board Meetings are open to the public and copies of agendas, reports and minutes are available in the School Office for public inspection. Agendas for meetings will be forwarded to requesting families on receipt of a stamped self addressed envelope.

## BAND PERFORMANCE

At an Assembly earlier in the term, we were treated by one of the Pasadena/Lewis Eady students' bands to a wonderful live performance!!



# 2008 ASSISTANTS

Student participation in school management is an important part of learning. Students cannot learn to be trustworthy if they are not trusted, they cannot learn to be responsible if they are not given responsibility.

Students at Pasadena Intermediate School are encouraged to participate in the day to day operation of our school.

We acknowledge the valuable contributions these students make.

## 2008 STUDENT COUNCILLORS

- Rm 2 **Ben Jackson, Kira Balmforth**  
 Rm 3 **Vivian Washington, Jasmine Thompson-Milne**  
 Rm 4 **Eddy Canning, Jessica Munro**  
 Rm 5 **Mack Smith, Michela Belesarius, Kate Farrant**  
 Rm 8 **Leuo Fruean, Toni Talamaivao, Rima Williams, Imasha Kumarawansa**  
 Rm 9 **Simon Mead, Thomas Hirst, Raveena Nand**  
 Rm 10 **Leah Harwood, Isabella Lenihan-Ikin, Caleb Chambers, Hannah Jackson**  
 Rm 11 **Tom Hartill, Gwen De Leon**

## 2008 LIBRARIANS

- Rm 2 **Jamie Evans, Faiza Buksh**  
 Rm 3 **Alec McKay, Jasmine Thompson-Milne**  
 Rm 4 **Jessica Munro, Angus Toogood, Zoe Fitzsimons**  
 Rm 5 **Elsie Bollinger, Isabel Shore**  
 Rm 8 **Michaela Tan, Toakase Manu**  
 Rm 9 **George Shuang**  
 Rm 10 **Mikayla Casey, Marihi Kahukura, Sara O'Dwyer**  
 Rm 11 **Linda Le, Riley Mooney, Cara Weatherspoon**

## 2008 TECHNICIANS

- Rm 2 **Atareta Penitito, George Magee, Ben Shivas, Teremoana Graham, Clarissa Siligi**  
 Rm 3 **Kim Stansfield, Sean Janssen, Vivian Washington**  
 Rm 4 **Geneer Tohovaka, Zjanika Houghton-Grundy, Jessica Munro, Eddy Canning**  
 Rm 5 **Michela Belesarius, Grace MacDonald-Walker, Carys Finlayson, Caroline Dovgal, Janki Patel, Edana Richardson, Poppy Cogswell**  
 Rm 8 **Leuo Fruean, Toni Talamaivao, Rima Williams, Brosnan Ackerman, Tharaka Munidasa**  
 Rm 9 **Ella Pooley, Nicholas Denby, Raveena Nand**  
 Rm 10 **Michael Peagram, Sara O'Dwyer, Ian Manu**  
 Rm 11 **Jerome Lilatoni**

## 2008 OFFICE ASSISTANTS

- Rm 2 **Morara Kara**  
 Rm 4 **Aimee Furnell, Lorraine Perenara**  
 Rm 5 **Saane Kaufanga**  
 Rm 8 **Sana Gaitau, Ian Manu, Imasha Kumarawansa**  
 Rm 9 **Nandi Zwane, Katie Budgen, Breanne Rosenberg, Kahlia Hughes**



## SEPTEMBER

- 24 Term III Task Presentation: Performing Arts Festival  
 25 Zone Girls' Volleyball  
 26 Last Day of Term

## OCTOBER

- 13 School opens for Term IV  
 15 Newsletter 1  
 15-16 Student, Parent/Caregiver, Teacher Conferences  
 17 Bandanna Day

# 2009 SCHOOL YEAR

## TERMS

- One: Monday 2 February - Thursday 9 April  
 Two: Monday 27 April - Friday 3 July  
 Three: Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September  
 Four: Monday 12 October - Wednesday 16 December

## ADDITIONAL HOLIDAYS

- Auckland Anniversary - Monday 26 January (In the holidays)  
 Waitangi Day - Friday 6 February  
 Easter - Friday 10 - Monday 13 April (In the holidays)  
 ANZAC - Saturday 25 April (In the holidays)  
 Queens Birthday - Monday 1 June  
 Labour Day - Monday 26 October

# SECONDARY SCHOOL 2009

Most Secondary Schools have completed their 2009 enrolments.

We strongly encourage parents/caregivers who haven't completed an enrolment for their Year 8 children to do so immediately.

We are holding information for -  
 WESTERN SPRINGS COLLEGE  
 AVONDALE COLLEGE  
 MT ALBERT GRAMMAR  
 AUCKLAND GIRLS GRAMMAR

## SAFE CYCLING TIPS

Remember to:  
*Stand out, Be Seen.*  
*Always wear your helmet.*  
*Keep Watch, Be Alert.*  
*Ensure your helmet fits flat and firmly on your head.*  
*Look after your bike. Check pedals, brakes, wheels, frame and helmet.*  
*Learn the Road Rules.*

## WATERWISE

### TERM IV 2008 SAILING DATES, CLASSES & TIMES

Below is our Term IV WATERWISE Sailing Times Timetable. We are desperate for parent help / support.

If you can help, are interested in learning to become a Waterwise helper or instructor, please contact:

Mr Martin Ball  
 SCHOOL: 846-2169  
 HOME: 818-8823  
 EMAIL: martin@pasadena.school.nz

WEEK	DATE	HIGH TIDE	TIMES	ROOMS
2	Tuesday 21 October	13.22	10 - 3	3 & 8
2	Wednesday 22 October	14.21	11 - 3	5 & 2
3				
4	Wednesday 5 November	13.05	9 - 3	4 & 10
5				
6	Tuesday 18 November	12.13	9 - 3	Selected Groups
6	Wednesday 19 November	13.07	9 - 12	Selected Groups
7	Friday 28 November	08.41	9 - 12	11 & 9
8	Tuesday 2 December	11.16	9 - 3	Selected Groups
8	Wednesday 3 December	11.57	9 - 3	Selected Groups



Community at Pasadena (C@P) is a group that brings together people with a shared vision for and a commitment to supporting Pasadena Intermediate School.

## QUIZ NIGHT

What a great success, fun had by all!

Many thanks to the Organizing Committee and all the helpers behind the scenes. Special thanks to **Kathryn Wallace, Bridget Glasgow, Jane Finlayson** and **Karen Fraser**. Thank you our wonderful host **Mark Fergusson**.

A HUGE thank you to our sponsors who will be formally acknowledged in Term IV.

## HEALTH CURRICULUM INFORMATION EVENING

In Term IV, with the support of the Life Education Trust, all students will undertake the highly rated drug education programme, *FROM THE SHADOWS*.

Our Life Education Trust Teacher, Jess Spencer will conduct a special introductory session for all our teachers, she will also provide a special information session for parents -

**TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER**

**7.30pm — 9.00pm**

**PASADENA CENTRE**

**All parents/caregivers cordially invited**

## AUCKLAND REGIONAL DENTAL SERVICES

Details of school dental clinics open during the holiday period will be advertised in the local newspaper during the last week of term.

Should you require emergency care during this time the nearest available school dental clinic:

Gladstone Primary Phone 8467812, 24 September to 5 October 2007 excluding weekends.

Our services are provided FREE to all pre-school, primary and intermediate school children.

To enroll your child, please telephone 839-0565

## SPORTS AND SIDELINE PARENTS

NZ magazine, **Parenting with Confidence**, has kindly given us permission to print extracts from their most recent publication that we think may prove helpful for parents.

**Each season, thousands of parents stand on the sidelines of sports fields encouraging or embarrassing their children. Jenny Hale gives parents the run down on the art of being the parent-spectator, coach, and mentor.....**

Most of us are really keen that our offspring should get involved in playing sport and joining a team of some sort. We are prepared to drive them to their practices, wait in the cold, and watch them during the weekly game. Most of all, we're ready to yell and shout at them when the competition is on.

However, what do you do when your child is very reluctant to get out and join a team or your once energetic, fit and able child reaches an age when he just doesn't seem to enjoy the whole 'get-involved-in-a-team-thing' any more.

Often this new attitude is a result of a gradual build up of friction and 'atmosphere' between parent and child, surrounding their sport. As our children get older, our expectations rise and our frustrations at their lack of competence or effort may, without us realising it, spill out onto the sport's field. You have dreams for your kids and you don't want them to give up because you know that their involvement is important now, in order for them to be competent and competitive later.

However a change in attitude probably means our kids are telling us they don't want to play soccer, rugby or tennis anymore, or to continue with ballet, music lessons, or whatever they once enjoyed.

It may be time to take stock. Have a look at this checklist and see how you rate.

1. Have I been the one who has chosen the sport or hobby for my child?
2. Do I constantly remind him 'how lucky he is to be playing this sport?'
3. Do I remind her how much money and time is being spent on her?
4. Are there times when I compare his performance with others in the team or in the family?
5. Do I remind my child of his shortcomings and inadequacies in front of his peers?
6. If he mucks up or misses an opportunity, do I verbally 'let him have it'?
7. Do I praise only when he has won?

### Here are a few tips:

There is another side to involving your child in sport or creative interests – your inspiration and enjoyment of the interest.

You can inspire and encourage with words and comments. It is amazing what power your words have to help your child play the game and see him get involved with every piece of enthusiasm and energy in his body. Label your child as competent and see him grow into that belief you have in him. And then when he's had a bad time and is maybe 'on the bench', speak to him as a coach. Let him know that everyone suffers defeats sometimes, but we don't have to be defeated. It's what we do when we get back in the game that's important. This is the role of a true parent and mentor.